

August 1, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554
Re: Docket Number 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I'd like to express my support of SBC's entry into Indiana's long distance market.

My name is Bill Morris and I am Vice President for Administration of Ivy State Tech College, Indiana's third largest public higher education system. Ivy Tech is an open-access, two-year technical college, which offers courses, degree programs, training leading to certifications and continuing education. The College also provides customized training opportunities for businesses and industries.

Our mission at Ivy Tech is to provide residents of Indiana with professional, technical, transfer, and lifelong education for successful careers, personal development, and citizenship. Through its affordable, quality educational programs and services, the College strengthens Indiana's economy and enhances its cultural development.

As Vice President for Administration of Ivy Tech, I have had a lot of first-hand experience with the power of communications technology. With 23 campuses statewide, we clearly need access to the same range of long-distance products and services -- and choice of providers -- that we already benefit from in the local telecommunications market.

SBC's entry into the Indiana long distance market will benefit Indiana consumers -- like Ivy Tech -- who will be the true winners when more telecommunications providers are vying to serve the same customer base. That, in turn, will benefit our entire state economy, as we turn out more and more graduates whose educations have been aided by the best telecommunications services available.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Bill Morris
Vice President for Administration
Ivy Tech State College